irrigation potential created from these projects under AIBP up to March 2007 is 521.923 thousand ha. The project-wise details of grants released and irrigation potential created from those projects are given in the following Table:

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Grant provided till date (Rs. in crore)	Potential created under AIBP up to March, 2007 (thousand ha.)
1.	Indira Gandhi Nahar Project Stage-II	58.741	391.00
2.	Narmada Canal	184.996	32.63
3.	Chauli	5.738	8.963
4.	Mahi Bajaj Sagar	22.289	27.20
5.	Modernization of Gang Canal	36.262	52.92
	TOTAL:	308.026	512.713

(b) and (c) Proposals for release of grant in respect of Modernization of Gang Canal project and Narmada canal project have been received in the Ministry of Water Resources, but they are not in accordance with AIBP guidelines in force. The State Government has been informed of the shortcomings in the proposals.

Floods in North Bihar

†854. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a great loss of life and property due to heavy floods in North Bihar during last monsoon season caused by the rivers flowing from Nepal;

(b) the details of permanent solution to control this flood which occurs every year;

(c) the latest status of talks being held with Government of Nepal regarding flood control; and

(d) the permanent and temporary steps being taken by Government keeping in mind the horror of floods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a)Yes, Sir. There was a great loss of life and property due to heavy floods in North Bihar during the last monsoon season caused by river flowing from Nepal. As per report of Ministry of Home Affairs a total damage of Rs. 3903.75 crore has been reported. 967 numbers of human lives and 988 cattle have been reported as lost in 22 districts of Bihar.

(b) Floods are natural phenomena for which no permanent solution can be ensured. However, impacts of floods can be mitigated by adopting structural measures (like construction of large storage dams, embankments, improvement of drainage) and no-structural measures (like flood forecasting, flood plain zoning, etc.).

(c) A Joint Committee on Water Resources (JCWR) headed by Secretaries of Water Resources in India and Nepal has been set up to oversee the matters pertaining to Indo-Nepal

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

water resources projects. The JCWR has met two times and the last meeting was held in October, 2004 wherein the issues related to Indo-Nepal water resources projects were discussed for their expeditious implementation.

(d) Flood management being within the purview of the State Governments, the floods management schemes are planned, investigated and implemented by the State Governments with own funds as per the priority within the State. The Central Government is also rendering assistance to the State Government of Bihar under various Plan schemes for addressing critical flood management works.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

White Paper on Disinvestment of Central Public Sector Enterprises.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the White Paper on Disinvestment of Central Public Sector Enterprises (as on 31st July, 2007). [Placed in Library *See.* No. L.T. 7247/07.]

Report and Accounts (2006-2007) of BHEL, New Delhi and related of papers.

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): Sir, I lay on the Table under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956 a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), New Delhi, for the year 2006-2007, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report. [Placed in Library: *See.* No. L.T. 7233/07.]

[MR DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair]

(I) Reports and Accounts (2004-05, 2005-06) of the M.P. Ashok Hotel Corporation Ltd. Bhopal.

(II) Reports and Accounts (2005-06) of Pondichery Ashok Hotel Corporation Ltd., Pondichery and related papers.

(III) Reports and Accounts (2004-05 and 2005-06) of various Hotel Corporations Ltd. and related papers.

(IV) Report and Accounts (2004-05) of ITDC, New Delhi and related papers.

(V) Report and Accounts (2004-05) of Indian Museum, Kolkata and related papers.

(VI) Report and Accounts (2005-06) of National Culture Fund, New Delhi, and related papers.

(VII) Report and Accounts (2005-06) of National Council of Science Museums, Kolkata and related papers.

(VIII) MoU (2007-08) between GOI and ITDC.